

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

The media is already nearly a monopoly. It is a vast wasteland because of it. Any further horizontal or vertical monopolizing of media outlets is dangerous for

democracy. I suggest that since we own the airwaves we have more access for alternative viewpoints and begin to charge more to the media moguls who are making money off what belongs to the public. How about some of that ad money going towards education or social security? If they are going to fill the airwaves with junk and misinformation, they should at least pay for the privilege.